

activity in the field. If they can continue to accumulate data at the present rate, we may soon hope to know more of the birds of the Province than of almost any other part of Canada.

The only serious fault to be found is with the arrangement of the matter, which seems to have been printed in the order in which the observations happened to be reported at the successive meetings. There is a vast mass of valuable material, but much of it is, for this reason, almost inaccessible. This difficulty might have been to a great extent remedied by a good index, which is sadly lacking.—C. F. B.

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GENERAL NOTES.

Larus argentatus smithsonianus.—In a letter dated Sept. 28, 1892, from Captain Edward Fogarty of the Brenton Reef Lightship he writes: "Our old friend 'Gull Dick' [Auk, IX, 227] has again appeared for the twenty-first season, being a little earlier than last year. The bird looked as if it had suffered somewhat from the effects of the recent northwest gale, for it is minus two feathers from one wing and one from the other, otherwise the same old Dick. The bird arrived at five o'clock on the afternoon of September 28, 1892. On receiving its supper it appeared quite hungry, devouring five pieces of pork each the size of a hen's egg. There have been a few other Gulls around the past three or four days, but they are all gray ones."

On the morning of August 28, 1892, at Nantucket, Mass., I saw two white and two gray Herring Gulls, four in all. They probably came on the heavy northeaster (wind blowing at the rate of 37 miles an hour) on the afternoon and night of the 26th.—GEORGE H. MACKAY, *Nantucket, Mass.*